for sale to persons/entities other than the Central or State Governments with the prior approval of the Ministry of Defence. Licensee would also need to institute a verifiable system of removal of all goods out of their factories. Violation of these provisions may lead to cancellation of the licence.

(iii) The Government also reserves the right to check the antecedents of the foreign collaborators and domestic promoters, including their financial standing and credentials in the world market.

Stopping of Conversion

2867. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand has been made in the country that the Central Government should enact a law to stop conversion by allurement or force; and

(b) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) No specific request has been received to this effect and at present there is no proposal to enact such a law by Union Government.

Bifurcation of National Commission For SCs/STs

2868. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to bifurcate the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes;

(b) if so, the reasons for taking this decision; and

(c) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been decided to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes under Article 338 of the Constitution by bifurcating the existing National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) The setting of a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes will facilitate the monitoring and evaluation of all matters relating to the Scheduled Tribes in a substantial and continuous way.

(c) A bill is being introduced.

Constitution of National Centre for Calamity Management

2869. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to constitute a National Centre for Calamity Management under the National Calamity Contingency Fund Scheme, if so, the decision taken in this regard; and

(b) whether Government have taken a decision to provide special assistance to the States facing natural calamities of rare severity by levying surcharge on taxes as provided under National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) Schemes, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) A proposal for the establishment of a National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in the Ministry of Home Affairs has been initiated. The NDMA will *inter alia* be entrusted with the functions earlier proposed for the National Centre for Calamity Management (NCCM).

(b) The expenditure on response and relief for natural calamities is met primarily from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF). The contribution of the Central Government and the concerned State Government to CRF is 75% and 25% respectively. For calamities of severe nature where CRF is not sufficient, additional assistance is provided from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to the concerned State Governments to meet the expenditure on providing immediate relief to the victims of the natural calamities.

Assistance to Rajasthan under NCCF

2870. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether while assessing the assistance to be made/provided to Rajasthan under para 6.1 of the National Calamity Contingency Fund